>Title: Need to sanction the estimate for re-construction of a bridge at Palolipalam on National Highway No. 17 in Kerala.

PROF. A.K. PREMAJAM (BADAGARA): The existing old and narrow slab bridge at Palolipalam on NH-17, having carriage way of 6.70 metres was constructed during 1948-50. Owing to heavy and continuous traffic and salinity intrusion through the water of Palolithodu, the bridge is in a very deteriorated condition. Land acquisition estimate amounting to Rs.225.50 lakh for the reconstruction of this bridge had been submitted to the Ministry on 22.8.2001. There is provision of Rs.3 crore in Annual Plan for 2001-2002. But sanction has not yet been received.

I would request the hon. Minister of Surface Transport to examine the matter and give necessary direction to sanction the estimated cost for the work.